Statement made by Pakistan Foreign Minister

1022. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government have been drawn to certain reports indicating that Pakistan Foreign Minister's Statement in Pakistan National Assembly blaming India for holding Kashmir for 45 years in non-political manner;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Governemnt have taken this statement seriously taking this as interference in internal affairs of India;

(d) if so, details of action taken in this regard; and

(e) if not, reasons therefor with steps to be taken in this regard in future?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) and (b) Pakistan's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Mohammed Siddique Khan Kanju, in his statement in Pak National Assembly on 17.2.1993 reiterated Pak support to the so-called "Liberation struggle" in Kashmir and, *inter-alia*, alleged that India has without Legitimacy held on to Kashmir for 45 years.

(c) to (e) Government regard this statement to be gratuitous, unwarranted and unacceptable and have expressed its serious concern and objection that the Pak Minister of State for Foreign Affairs chose to make references to India's internal affairs in a manner which is violative of the Simla Aggrement and all recognised norms of *inter-State* conduct and good-neighbourly relations.

Agreements between India and Germany

1023. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Chancellor of Germany has visited India recently;

(b) if so, the details of issues discussed during such visit;

(c) whether Germany also supported the stand of India that Kashmir is an integral part of India;

(d) whether Germany also condemned the activities of Pakistan supporting the terrorists in Punjab and Kashmir;

(e) whether some agreements of bilateral interests were also signed between the two countries; and

(f) if so, the details thereof; and the utility of these agreements for development of India?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) yes, Sir. German Chancellor Dr. Helmut Kohl visited India from 18-22 February, 1993.

(b) Issues discussed included all aspects of bilateral relations, in particular the promotion of investment, technology transfer and trade; implications of German unification, European integration trends, and the situation in Eastern Europe and Russia; India's relations with neighbours; and multilateral issues such as North-South dialogue and GATT Uruguay Round negotiations.

(c) The German Chancellor indicated their desire for an early and peaceful resolution of the Kashmir issue and stated that the Simla Agrrement provided the appropriate framework for a bilateral settlement.

(d) It is Government's understanding that Germany has traditionally been opposed to terrorism of any kind.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) Two financial protocols were concluded with the German development Bank (kfw). These protocols provide for;